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Subject: Revised Interim Action Level for Perchlorate

In June of 1999, the Toxicology & Risk Assessment Section (TARA) developed an interim action level of 22 $\mu\text{g/L}$ (ppb) for perchlorate based on USEPA's 1998 provisional reference dose. The USEPA is currently reviewing new toxicology data for perchlorate and plans to publish a new reference dose sometime next year. As a result of our ongoing consultations with, and at the encouragement of, USEPA toxicologists, TARA is now recommending that the TNRCC use 4 ppb as an interim action level for perchlorate in drinking water. While this level is near the analytical detection for perchlorate, most laboratories should be able to detect 4 ppb.

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